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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-32 were originally submitted.

Claims 33-40 were previously added.

No new claims are added in this response.

Claims 1-18 and 20-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 B1 to Win et al (Win).

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Win in view of Official Notice.

Claims 1-40 remain in this application.

1 **Examiner Interview**

2 A telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Jeffrey
3 Swearingen and Emmanuel Rivera on June 13, 2007. The rejection based on the
4 reference U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 B1 to Win et al (Win) was discussed. In
5 particular, discussion took place as to Win's teaching as to "setting the cookies'
6 values to nothing". In the Office Action of December 26, 2006, Examiner
7 Swearingen presented that this element is taught by Win; however, it was
8 discussed that the cited section of Win or anywhere in Win does not teach or
9 disclose such an element. Examiner Swearingen presented that by setting a
10 cookie's value to an expired time, that cookie has no value; however, it was
11 presented that in even an expired cookie still has a value. No agreement was
12 reached in the interview.

1 **35 U.S.C. §102**

2 Claims 1-18 and 20-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being
3 anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 B1 to Win et al (Win). Applicant
4 respectfully traverses the rejection of the claims.

5 **Independent claim 1**, for example, “[a] method of logging a computer
6 system user out of a server comprising the steps of:

7 receiving a selection of a logout link;

8 generating a logout page for display on a browser being used by the
9 user;

10 causing a request for data from the server to be issued by the
11 browser;

12 clearing cookies from the browser by setting the cookies’ values to
13 nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a past date;

14 wherein the cookies include data provided to the browser by the
15 server.

16 Win fails to teach or disclose the method of claim 1. Win describes the use
17 of cookies that are indefinitely saved in the memory of the browser, unless the
18 cookies’ expires, or the system clock (of the browser) becomes equal to or greater
19 than the expiration date value of the cookie. The cookies may be passed to a web
20 server. Cookies that have not expired (i.e., have valid expiration date) are saved to
21 disk. Cookies having an expiration data value of 0 (zero) are not saved. Zero
22 being a value. Users may logout using a logout access service as provided by an
23 access server. The access server returns cookies that have an expired time value.
24 The browser looks at the expiration date value and determines that it has expired
25 and therefore the cookie is invalid. See Win col. 10, line 63 to col. 11, line 20.

1 Claim 1 has been amended to include the element “clearing cookies from
2 the browser by setting the cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time
3 to a past date”. The Action presents that this element is taught by Win, citing col.
4 11, lines 15-20 of Win. However, as discussed above, Win fails to teach or
5 disclose such an element.

6 Win teaches the use of cookies with an expiration date. Depending on the
7 expiration date, the cookie may or may not be valid. Claim 1 has been particularly
8 amended to include the element of “setting the cookies’ values to nothing” as well
9 as “setting ... the cookies’ expire time to a past date”. There are two distinct
10 elements that are recited – the setting the cookies’ value to nothing and the setting
11 the cookies’ expire time to a past date”. Although, Win may teach the second
12 element, Win fails to teach the first element.

13 A cookie contains data other than the expiration date. Examples of data as
14 found on page 9, line 27 to page 10, line 6 of the specification include in addition
15 to date and time that a user was authenticated by an authentication server (i.e.,
16 expiration time), but are not limited to “user profile”, “lists of sites visited”, “IDs
17 of sites visited”. Furthermore, as discussed in the specification, cookies may be
18 specific types of cookies. In other words, there may be a user profile cookie, a
19 sites cookies, an authentication cookie, etc. Therefore, cookie may not have an
20 expiration date. Therefore it is provision is made as to nulling or setting a cookie’s
21 value to nothing.

22 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 1, and the rejection
23 of claim 1 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that
24 the §102 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.
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1 **Dependent claims 2-6 and 33** depend from claim 1, and are allowable at
2 the least for reasons provided in support of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant
3 respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claims 2-6 and 33 be withdrawn.
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5 **Independent claim 7** recites in part “causing a request for data from the
6 server to be issued by the browser, wherein the request causes the server to clear
7 cookies from the browser, by setting the cookies’ values to nothing and the
8 cookies’ expire time to a past date”. As discussed above in support of claim 1,
9 Win fails to teach or show setting the cookies’ values to nothing.

10 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 7, and the rejection
11 of claim 7 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that
12 the §102 rejection of claim 7 be withdrawn.

13 **Dependent claims 8, 9 and 34** depend from claim 7, and are allowable at
14 the least for reasons provided in support of claim 7. Accordingly, Applicant
15 respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claims 8, 9 and 34 be withdrawn.
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17 **Independent claim 10** recites in part “providing a link to an expire cookies
18 page on each server that when called causes each server to clear cookies on a user's
19 browser by setting the cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a
20 past date”. As discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach or show
21 setting the cookies’ values to nothing.

22 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 10, and the
23 rejection of claim 10 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
24 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 10 be withdrawn.
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1 **Dependent claim 35** depends from claim 10, and is allowable at the least
2 for reasons provided in support of claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
3 request that the §102 rejection of claim 35 be withdrawn.
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5 **Independent claim 11** recites in part “a module that provides a link to an
6 expire cookies page on each server that when called causes each server to clear
7 cookies on a user's browser by setting the cookies’ values to nothing and the
8 cookies’ expire time to a past date, and to provide an image back to the browser
9 upon succeeding in logging the user out”. As discussed above in support of claim
10 1, Win fails to teach or show setting the cookies’ values to nothing.

11 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 11, and the
12 rejection of claim 11 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
13 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 11 be withdrawn.

14 **Dependent claims 12, 13 and 14** depend from claim 11, and are allowable
15 at the least for reasons provided in support of claim 11. Accordingly, Applicant
16 respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claims 12, 13 and 14 be withdrawn.
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18 **Independent claim 15** recites in part “providing a link to an expire cookies
19 page on each server that when called causes each server to clear cookies on a
20 user’s browser by setting the cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire
21 time to a past date, and to provide an image back to the browser upon succeeding
22 in logging the user out”. As discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to
23 teach or show setting the cookies’ values to nothing.
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1 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 10, and the
2 rejection of claim 15 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
3 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 15 be withdrawn.

4 **Dependent claim 36** depends from claim 15, and is allowable at the least
5 for reasons provided in support of claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
6 request that the §102 rejection of claim 36 be withdrawn.

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8 **Independent claim 16** recites in part “clearing stored cookies by setting the
9 cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a past date”. As
10 discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach or show setting the
11 cookies’ values to nothing.

12 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 16, and the
13 rejection of claim 16 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
14 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 16 be withdrawn.

15 **Dependent claim 37** depends from claim 16, and is allowable at the least
16 for reasons provided in support of claim 16. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
17 request that the §102 rejection of claim 37 be withdrawn.

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19 **Independent claim 17** recites in part “clearing stored cookies by setting the
20 cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a past date”. As
21 discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach or show setting the
22 cookies’ values to nothing.

23 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 17, and the
24 rejection of claim 17 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
25 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 17 be withdrawn.

1 **Dependent claim 38** depends from claim 17, and is allowable at the least
2 for reasons provided in support of claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
3 request that the §102 rejection of claim 38 be withdrawn.
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5 **Independent claim 18** recites in part “clearing cookies identified by
6 responses to the get image requests, wherein the clearing is by setting the cookies’
7 values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a past date”. As discussed above
8 in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach or show setting the cookies’ values to
9 nothing.

10 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 18, and the
11 rejection of claim 18 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
12 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 18 be withdrawn.

13 **Dependent claims 20-23 and 39** depend from claim 18, and are allowable
14 at the least for reasons provided in support of claim 18. Accordingly, Applicant
15 respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claims 20-23 and 39 be withdrawn.
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17 **Independent claim 24** recites in part “providing a link to an expire cookies
18 page on each server in the form of an image source tag that when called causes
19 each server to clear cookies on both the server and user's browser by setting the
20 cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a past date, and to
21 provide an image back to the browser upon succeeding in logging out the user”.
22 As discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach or show setting the
23 cookies’ values to nothing.
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1 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 24, and the
2 rejection of claim 24 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
3 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 24 be withdrawn.

4 **Dependent claims 25-28 and 40** depend from claim 24, and are allowable
5 at the least for reasons provided in support of claim 24. Accordingly, Applicant
6 respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claims 25-28 and 40 be withdrawn.

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8 **Independent claim 29** recites in part “each image tag providing a URL that
9 causes a server associated with the image tag to clear cookies by setting the
10 cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a past date”. As
11 discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach or show setting the
12 cookies’ values to nothing.

13 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 29, and the
14 rejection of claim 29 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
15 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 29 be withdrawn.

16 **Dependent claim 30** depends from claim 29, and is allowable at the least
17 for reasons provided in support of claim 29. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
18 request that the §102 rejection of claim 30 be withdrawn.

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20 **Independent claim 31** recites in part “providing a URL in each image tag
21 that causes a server associated with the image tag to clear cookies by setting the
22 cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’ expire time to a past date”. As
23 discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach or show setting the
24 cookies’ values to nothing.

1 Accordingly, Win does not show every element of claim 31, and the
2 rejection of claim 31 is therefore improper. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
3 requests that the §102 rejection of claim 31 be withdrawn.

4 **Dependent claim 32** depends from claim 31, and is allowable at the least
5 for reasons provided in support of claim 31. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully
6 request that the §102 rejection of claim 32 be withdrawn.

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8 **35 U.S.C. §103**

9 Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over
10 U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 B1 to Win et al (Win) in view of Official Notice.
11 Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the claim.

12 **Dependent claim 19** depends from claim 18, and therefore comprises the
13 element “clearing cookies identified by responses to the get image requests,
14 wherein the clearing is by setting the cookies’ values to nothing and the cookies’
15 expire time to a past date”.

16 As discussed above in support of claim 1, Win fails to teach setting a value
17 of a cookie to nothing. Although Win may teach setting an expiration of a cookie
18 to a past date – the past date is still a value. Furthermore, there is not teaching or
19 suggestion in Win as to providing a null or setting to nothing the values of data
20 that is not expiration value.

21 The Office takes Official Notice “that a checkmark image is a symbol for
22 affirmative, a positive result, or a task complete was well known in the art at the
23 time the invention was made”. However, the Official Notice taken provides no
24 assistance in light of Win as to the recited method of claim 19. Since Win does not
25 teach or suggest “clearing cookies identified by responses to the get image

1 requests, wherein the clearing is by setting the cookies' values to nothing and the
2 cookies' expire time to a past date" it would not have been obvious to combine the
3 Official Notice taken by the Office.

4 Accordingly, Win in view of Official Notice does not show every element
5 of claim 19 and the rejection of claim 19 is therefore improper. Accordingly,
6 Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claim 19 be withdrawn.
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1 CONCLUSION

2 All pending claims 1-40 are in condition for allowance. Applicant
3 respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject
4 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the
5 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent
6 Action.

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